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- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is included. See References 28 and 70.
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- ☒ 8. Office Actions were issued in related U.S. applications. Copies of the Office Actions are submitted for the Examiner's consideration as References 35-38.
- ☒ 9. Reference 1 corresponds to Reference 7.
- ☒ 10. Reference 2 corresponds to Reference 8.
- ☒ 11. Reference 3 corresponds to previously submitted reference JP-A-2000-505958.
- ☒ 12. Reference 4 corresponds to Reference 29.
- ☒ 13. Reference 5 corresponds to Reference 30.
- ☒ 14. Reference 6 corresponds to Reference 48.
- ☒ 15. Reference 21 corresponds to Reference 31.
- ☒ 16. Reference 22 corresponds to Reference 32.
- ☒ 17. Reference 23 corresponds to Reference 50.
- ☒ 18. Reference 24 corresponds to Reference 53.
- ☒ 19. Reference 25 corresponds to Reference 68.
- ☒ 20. Reference 26 corresponds to Reference 69.
- ☒ 21. References 27 and 71 correspond to Reference 70.

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